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SUBJECT: MEETING OF ENERGY MINISTER WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

REF: (A) STATE 040782; (B) TEL AVIV 2095

1. MINISTER OF ENERGY MODAI PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH
FOLLOWING LIST OF SUBJECTS WHICH HE WISHES TO DISCUSS
WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER (NOT LISTED IN PRIORITY
ORDER):

- A. UNDERGROUND OIL STORAGE. (COMMENT:
IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER HE WISHES TO DISCUSS
USG FINANCING OF ISRAELI CONSTRUCTION AS RAISED RECENTLY
BY ZVI DINSTEIN IN WASHINGTON, MODAI SAID HE WOULD
ONLY DISCUSS THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS.)
- B. ISRAELI PETROLEUM CONTINGENCY PLAN.
- C. ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT U.S.-ISRAELI R&D FUND
ON ENERGY.
- D. SIGNING OF A PROTOCOL FOR EXCHANGE OF
ENERGY INFORMATION.
- E. COOPERATION ON BUILDING OF OIL SHALE PLANT.
- F. CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE COMMERCIAL UNITS
USING SOLAR ENERGY FOR COOLING.
- G. USE OF CITY WASTE FOR ENERGY GENERATION.
- H. ENERGY CONSERVATION.

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2. MODAI WAS ASKED WHETHER HE PLANNED TO RAISE THE
QUESTION OF U.S. NUCLEAR REACTOR SALE TO ISRAEL. HE
SAID IT WAS NOT ON HIS AGENDA BUT COULD WELL COME UP IN
CONVERSATION. HE MENTIONED THAT IDEA OF HAVING A
JOINT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR GENERATING FACILITY
IN SINAI AS EXAMPLE OF PEACEFUL COOPERATION

WAS ATTRACTIVE TO HIM. EMBASSY HAS PASSED TO HIM
INFORMATION CONTAINED IN STATE 039449.

3. MODAI PLANS TO ARRIVE IN U.S. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20,
AND REMAIN FOUR DAYS. IN ADDITION TO WASHINGTON,
HE PLANS TO VISIT NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND DENVER, THE
LAST THREE PRESUMABLY FOR FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES. HE
EXPECTS TO RETURN TO ISRAEL ON MARCH 10.
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